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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be documented evidence of the individual's race riding history, verified by the Principal Racing Authority, that the apprentice jockey is currently licensed, and that confirms the individual has ridden in at least 100 races on a variety of tracks, over a variety of distances, on a variety of horses, for a variety of trainers, demonstrating competitive and safe race riding skills.

There must also be evidence that the individual has, on a minimum of three occasions:

- reported on the effect of gear worn by horses, and recommended changes to the trainer
- implemented the trainer's, or owner's, pre-race instructions
- implemented changes to pre-race plan and explained why the change was instigated
- evaluated own and horse's performance.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- principles and practices of race riding, including:
 - common racehorse behaviour traits
 - individual horse characteristics, behaviour, form and history
 - predicted behaviour or racing style of opposition horses in race
 - race riding strategies
 - saddlery and other race gear
 - personal protective equipment and purpose for its use
 - techniques for whip use
 - track features, surfaces and conditions
 - drug testing procedures
 - types of race injury to horses

- functions of rider agents
- relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in races:
 - Australian and local rules of racing for race riding
 - types and classes of races
 - handicapping system
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - race meeting documentation
 - pre-race and post-race procedures
 - starting procedures
 - weighing procedures
 - drug testing procedures
 - reporting incidents
 - protocol for communicating performance – own and horse
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding horses in races:
 - communication procedures with race meeting personnel and wider racing industry
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, racetracks and registered race meetings
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred horses currently in training and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>